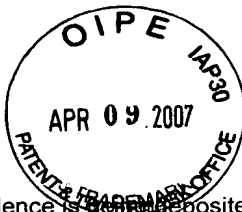


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LETTER

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The Examiner is requested to reconsider his refusal to consider the reference FR 2 636 151.

French Application FR 2 636 151 (Petrolli), dated March 09, 1990, which was submitted by applicant in an Information Disclosure Statement dated May 24, 2004, together with an English language Abstract.

Applicants respectfully request that French Application FR 2 636 151 be considered as it was provided in conformance with the rule and in a timely manner. No existing translation is readily available to the applicant.

Respectfully submitted,



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